

Westerly, O June 22, '97.
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My Own Darling Joe, here I am
trying to learn how to write again.
I rec'd your precious message today
about 3 P. M. and could not be
content to leave the post office
until I had read it through.

I am so glad you got through all
right - and also that you did not -
have to work yesterday. That surely
was a rather swift - Good bye that -
you did just right! I thought - I
was pretty brave to not shed a tear
at seeing you leave, but somehow
when you did not come out as
usual on Mon. evening I was not
quite so brave and when the folks
pitied me that only made me
feel worse

We have not been alone since you
left, - but nevertheless I have been
so lonely I hardly knew what to do
with myself. About all the consola-
tion I could find was to be with
Lora. In everything else made me
think of you. But I do not wish
to complain or bring sad thoughts
to you. Lucy says I will have
much worse troubles than this
after _____, but I hope
not. After you left I went down
and took Lora to church, Mr. Shuey
gave the address. It was principally
a history of the associations and was
very good but my mind was else-
where, most of the time. Lora came
home with me and yesterday morn-
ing Faye and her Mammy came
out. Last evening John's came,
and today Rev. Baker & Rev. Weare
were here so I ought not to be
lonely. Helen went with me to
the service this morning and

cling to me like a leech. She says
she is my girl and will do any
thing for me. The service today
was mostly foolishness. They
had quite a number of stereoscopic
views which were excellent.
Carrie and Elsie have gone to
the banquet, but I could ask
you nothing better than to spend
this hour with you. My eyes
sore almost will that I
will not write much more.
Yes dear I pray for you much
and I believe God will keep us
and guide us in the way we
should go. I wish I might
drive away your cares tonight.
I will leave you and go to my
room to dream of you.

Your loving one
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